

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An infusion container comprising:
a medicine storing chamber ~~for storing a medicine~~; and
a dissolving liquid storing chamber ~~for storing a dissolving liquid~~, the dissolving liquid storing chamber being connected with the medicine storing chamber, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the medicine storing chamber holds a small container having an open mouth and storing a freeze-dried medicine, and is so constructed as to be partitioned from the dissolving liquid storing chamber when the infusion container is out of use and preserved and configured to communicate ~~to be capable of being communicated~~ with the dissolving liquid storing chamber when in use.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~The infusion container of claim 1, wherein the medicine storing chamber comprises a container body with a bottom thereof connected with the dissolving liquid storing chamber and a capping member ~~for sealing~~configured to seal a mouth portion of the container body, and the small container is held in the container body.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The ~~An~~ infusion container of claim 2, wherein the container body has in an inside thereof a fitting portion ~~for fitting~~configured to fit a part of the small container ~~and thereby for positioning~~ the small container.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The ~~An~~ infusion container of claim 3, wherein the small container has a longitudinal groove in side walls thereof and/or a trench in a bottom wall thereof, and the fitting portion of the container body is a protruding piece which fits the

longitudinal groove and/or the trench ~~and thereby positions the small container~~, the protruding piece being formed on the bottom of the container body.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The ~~An~~ infusion container of claim 4, wherein the longitudinal groove comprises two or more grooves formed equidistantly and circumferentially in the side walls of the small container.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The ~~An~~ infusion container of claim 4, wherein the container body has at the bottom a hole ~~for allowing~~ configured to allow communication with the dissolving liquid storing chamber, the protruding piece is movable on the bottom of the container body, ~~and a bottom portion of the protruding piece openably seals the communication hole, and the capping member has an engaging portion engaged with a tip portion of the protruding piece and is~~ capable of opening configured to open the communication hole by ~~the~~ a rotation of the capping member via the engaging portion and the protruding piece.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The ~~An~~ infusion container of claim 1, wherein the small container is made of a synthetic resin or a metal.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The infusion container of claim 1, wherein the ~~A small container for freeze-drying a medicine, which has a small container-like shape and which has,~~ in side walls and/or in a bottom wall thereof, respectively, a longitudinal groove and/or a trench configured to insure ~~for insuring~~ a fit in ~~a~~ the medicine storing chamber of ~~an~~ the infusion container and configured to position ~~for positioning~~ the small container ~~itself~~ in the medicine storing chamber.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The infusion container of claim 8, A small container
~~of claim 8,~~ wherein the longitudinal groove comprises two or more grooves formed
equidistantly and circumferentially in the side walls of the small container.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method for storing a freeze-dried medicine in an
infusion container ~~which comprises~~comprising a medicine storing chamber ~~for~~
~~storing~~configured to store a medicine and a dissolving liquid storing chamber ~~for storing a~~
~~dissolving liquid,~~ the dissolving liquid storing chamber being connected with the medicine
storing chamber and being so partitioned from the medicine storing chamber that an inside of
the dissolving liquid storing chamber is ~~capable of being~~ configured to be communicated
with an inside of the medicine storing chamber when in use, the method comprising: ~~the steps~~
~~of, for storing the medicine in the medicine storing chamber of the infusion container,~~
placing a small container storing a medicine inside the medicine storing chamber;
rotating the medicine storing chamber with respect to the dissolving liquid chamber so
as to place both chambers in communication with each;
filling a~~the~~ small container ~~having an open mouth~~ with a solution prepared by
dissolving the medicine[,];
freeze-drying the solution by an ordinary method to form the freeze-dried
medicine[,]; and
storing the freeze-dried medicine in the medicine storing chamber along with the
small container without taking the freeze-dried medicine out from the small container.

Claim 11 (New): The infusion container of claim 3, wherein the small container has a trench in a bottom wall thereof, and the fitting portion of the container body is a protruding piece which fits the trench and thereby positions the small container.

Claim 12 (New): An infusion container, comprising:
a medicine storing chamber having a container body with a capping member configured to seal a mouth portion of the container body, a movable protruding portion connected to the capping member, and a hole on a bottom of the container body, the hole being openably sealed by the movable protruding portion;
a dissolving liquid storing chamber connected with the medicine storing chamber; and
a small container having a groove, the small container being disposed inside the container body with the groove engaged with the movable protruding portion, wherein the movable protruding portion is configured to allow communication of the medicine storing chamber with the dissolving liquid storing chamber through the hole by a rotation of the capping member.

Claim 13 (New): The infusion container of claim 2, wherein the container body is integrally made of polypropylene and more rigid than the dissolving liquid storing chamber.

Claim 14 (New): The infusion container of claim 1, wherein the medicine storing chamber and the dissolving liquid storing chamber are integrally molded.

Claim 15 (New): The infusion container of claim 2, wherein the capping member has a rubber plug and a claw formed on a ceiling of the capping member is configured to fit on a cavity formed on the rubber plug.

Claim 16 (New): The infusion container of claim 15, wherein a surface of the rubber plug is laminated.

Claim 17 (New): The infusion container of claim 15, wherein an O-ring is disposed between the rubber plug, a mouth portion of the medicine storing chamber, and the capping member.

Claim 18 (New): The infusion container of claim 2, wherein at least two projections are formed on an outer periphery of the container body, and at least two depressions are formed on an internal surface of the capping member so as to restrict a rotational movement of the capping member.

Claim 19 (New): The infusion container of claim 15, wherein the rubber plug comprises a rubber body and a rubber plug portion positioned substantially at the center of an upper surface of the rubber body.